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**Christmas Week: 11 Arrested for DUI – 5 Injured in DUI Crashes**

**Dover** – Delaware law enforcement officers arrested 11 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during week three of the National Impaired Driving Crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* The arrests were the result of four sobriety checkpoints conducted on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> by the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Delaware State Police Troop 9 and the Georgetown Police.

In addition to the DUI arrests, officers also cited 11 for underage drinking violations, apprehended 4 wanted individuals, made 2 drug arrests, 2 felony arrests, and issued 7 citations for seat belt violations, 1 for a child restraint violation and another 46 for additional traffic violations. Enforcement results from DUI saturation patrols conducted last weekend will be available after New Year's Day. Four sobriety checkpoints and 39 DUI saturation patrols statewide are scheduled to take place New Year's Eve.

During the week of Dec. 21 – 28, five people were injured in alcohol-related crashes. This means 5 more green bulbs will be added to the DUI Victim's Trees located in the lobbies of the DMV's statewide and brings the total of people injured in impaired driving crashes since Thanksgiving to 46. Since Thanksgiving one person has also been killed in an alcohol-related crash.

The stepped up enforcement activities and the DUI Victim's Tree project are both coordinated by the Office of Highway Safety, and are part of its Safe Family Holiday (SFH) Campaign. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Safe Family Holiday campaign, which runs through New Year's Eve, involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities. For campaign updates please visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on the Safe Family Holiday campaign icon in the center of the page.

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